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In re Application of : Ka Cheong LEUNG et al.
Serial No 10/024,412
Filed December 17, 2001
Examiner: Duc Ngyuen
Group Art Unit: 2685
Title METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING A CONTEXT FOR
MESSAGE COMPRESSION

Commissioner of Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action dated July 8, 2004, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I (claims 1-27) for prosecution, and request reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for the reason presented below. Election is made without admission, and without prejudice to Applicants' right to file divisional applications on, or otherwise prosecute, the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Although the inventions may be patentably distinct, they are not independent and the Examiner has not alleged that further searching based on the claim groupings in the restriction requirement is in fact necessary. Furthermore, there is no showing of a serious burden because of

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the further searching. See MPEP 803. Although the claim groups may have different classifications, the claims do not have mutually exclusive characteristics and merely recite different limitations. See MPEP 806.04(f). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to the undersigned attorney's Deposit Account No. 02-4270 (Atty. Docket 6173-5006US).

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